

1,000 GIPSIES IN BUCKRAM.

ONE HUNDRED ITALIANS READY TO SWEAR TO IT.

There were even some persons ready to believe it—"Two Gipsies and Two Dogs," said the Sergeant—"But It Was a Very Nice Band of Gipsies All the Same."

Jersey correspondents got busy yesterday and flashed the intelligence abroad that a wild and ferocious band of gipsies camped in Glendale Wood, Communipaw, Jersey City, fell upon two predatory Italians named Tony Blunio and Patricio Trono and would have lynched them had not the valiant Communipaw police come to the rescue. The halloos had been placed about the swarthy Latin necks, a long rope, a short shirt and—to see if it was so a SUN reporter went to Communipaw.

Tony and Patricio, the all but lynched Italians, told a harrowing tale. "Me no do notin', yase! Dem gipsy, a hunder, mebe a t'ousan, jump and wanta kill me an' him—mebe hang, mebe no—I don know, yase!"

The next thing to do was to go to Glendale Wood, see the horde of gipsies and Mrs. Thiel, proprietress of the Glendale Hotel, who had notified the police of the dread conflict in the mysterious wood.

The hotel in question is a tumble down, wooden wayside saloon of the God-forsaken Jersey type. The wood consists of seven trees, scattered over an area of a quarter of a mile, which makes it one forlorn tree every 200 feet. In this impenetrable jungle the mysterious tents of the ferocious gipsy band lay.

"Go to Joe Lovell," said Mrs. Thiel, inscrutably; "he will tell you all about the fight. I only telephoned for the police."

Crossing the road, the reporter found himself unarmed and alone facing the menacing forest, wild though treeless. Jersey correspondents had done it, so he did not hang back. He made for the tents.

Two tents were pitched, with the flaps open. Iron bedssteads stood inside the tents and small portable cooking stoves were leisurely emitting thin curls of smoke. At the entrance of the first tent a man of almost seventy lay sleeping, and two very dark, but red cheeked girls, crunched by the stove near him.

"That's Mr. Lovell," said one of the girls, pointing to the sleeper. "Well built young fellow came up at this moment and accompanied the girls' words with: 'The old man is full. You want to know about the fight? You a reporter? You a reporter? You will tell me all about it. He'll be right here.'"

Tom came and said: "Lynch them! Wiah we had. Those two Italians stole some eggs out of our chicken coop. My old man after them and tried to catch them. Well, the guineas gave a whistle and forty more came from up the road and fifty more from down the road. They were about a hundred. What could my father do? I ran to help him. But one of the 'guineas' hit him with a shovel and knocked him senseless. I had to carry him to the tent. Then the police patrol arrived and arrested two of the 'guineas.'"

Are there a hundred or a thousand of you gipsies here? "he was asked. "There's only our two families here," replied Tom mildly. "My old man and my wife and Tim and me. Tim and me and Tim weren't home when this happened. They were swapping horses. So there was only father and me."

"Go to the old water and let her talk to you," suggested Tim persuasively. Among the wagons and boxes of the encampment the reporter made his way to the only other tent the camp boasted. A dusky woman sat knitting. "You want to know about the fight? Well, there isn't much to it," she said candidly. "My old man was hit with a shovel. But you just write a nice piece about us. I am Lovella, queen of the gipsies. I have a fortune-telling tent in Little Branch every summer. You are going to be very rich; you'll live long and you have many friends. You will have a beautiful wife."

Yes, added a buxom female, rising from the depths of the tent, "and I am Bella, queen of the gipsies. I have a fortune-telling tent, too."

In her excitement she fell into a marked Hibernian accent.

"You're fond of building castles in the air, now ain't ye?" she ran on. "One fine day you'll build some real ones. Ye're most joined and come of respectable parents. Now, will ye write a nice piece?"

It was a very nice piece indeed, copies of which have been sent to Mayor McClellan and Commissioner Oakley of the department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. In the main the committee approves of the plans for the proposed scheme, with several recommendations.

HIGH PRESSURE FIRE SERVICE.

Insurance Exchange Committee Approves Plans in the Main.

The joint committee appointed by the New York Fire Insurance Exchange to consider the proposed plans for a high pressure fire service has made its report, copies of which have been sent to Mayor McClellan and Commissioner Oakley of the department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. In the main the committee approves of the plans for the proposed scheme, with several recommendations.

The district to be covered extends from Twenty-third street to Chambers street, between the North River and the Bowery. It is the opinion of the committee that the system should be extended to the Battery and then to the district between Twenty-third and Thirty-third streets and Fourth and Thirteenth avenues.

There are to be two pumping stations, one at Oliver and South Street, and the other on the site now occupied by the Gansevoort Market. It is recommended that everything possible be done to make the pumping stations impregnable to fire.

The committee does not approve of the plan to use the high pressure mains for flushing and sprinkling the streets. The water mains are generally satisfactory, but on West street, between Chambers and Gansevoort streets, the committee thinks there should be a main with additional hydrants. The main should be tied to the cross mains also. No riy all the important transatlantic and coastwise steamship piers as well as three railroad piers are in this district.

The committee recommends that a telephone system be laid out on lines similar to the present fire alarm telephone service, with signal boxes like the police signal boxes.

MCOSH HALL.

Plans for the New Recitation Building at Princeton Accepted.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 16.—Plans for the new recitation hall of the university, to be known as McCosh Hall in memory of Dr. McCosh, have been accepted by the committee in charge. The hall will stand at the angle formed by the junction of McCosh walk and Washington street, forming part of a new quadrangle, with the present chapel on the west side and the school of science on the north.

The building will be English collegiate in style, two stories high, of stone. It is hoped to begin the construction toward the close of this summer. The names of the donors of the building have not been made public, though President Wilson announced the gift some time ago.

Plans of the Indiana Society.

The first meeting of the officers and executive committee of the Indiana Society of New York, which was incorporated a few days ago, was held last night in the rooms of the Building Trades Club, Twenty-fifth street and Broadway. The meeting took the shape of an informal dinner after which a program for the winter of 1905-06 was arranged. The first annual dinner will be held at the Waldorf in the fall. Col. James B. Curtis is president of the society.

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Those who find the Henry James sentence puzzling should take advantage of the various opportunities now offered to hear it interpreted by Mr. James himself. The Anglo-American author is the literary lion of the hour and is reading his lecture on Balzac in various places, to the chosen few who sit adoringly at the feet of this apostle of the complex. Once hearing suffice to reveal the "intention" of the sentence—those who demand more are not true Jamesian disciples. The sentence is not designed to be understood; it is not constructed to be parsed. Its significance lies in its purely lyrical quality—a quality which may not be adequately ascertained until one has heard Mr. James read it himself. As his voice slips and slurs from one detached phrase to the next, gently rising crescendo to the climax, and slurs and slips back again, descending to the finale, it is as restful and soothing as the soft, slow drip of sluggish water upon the worn and mossy basin of a marble fountain. It produces a gentle intellectual intoxication which is so agreeable that one ceases to wonder what it means or to care if it doesn't mean anything at all. Another gratifying thing about Mr. James's rendering of his sentence is that he occasionally loses his breath or his place and founders helplessly around his dashes and divisions like a layman, with the difference that he always recovers himself finally and finishes gracefully.

Bliss Carman has been renewing old associations and making new ones on the California coast during the last few months. The California journals complain whimsically that although the people would gladly dine and wine this poet of nature, he is a lion who refuses to roar and is accessible only to his friends. This may be accounted for partly by the fact that Mr. Carman has an aversion to posing as a celebrity, and partly that he is engaged in the preparation of a new volume of verse, to be entitled "From the Book of Valentines," which will be the fifth volume in the "Pipes of Pan" series. He is also preparing a new volume of prose essays, to be entitled "The Poetry of Life."

William Dean Howells has written a new story, which will appear under the title of "Miss Bellard's Inspiration." It is a tale of a summer episode in New Hampshire, in which the love of a true love takes an unexpected turn, and in which the author is at the best of his subtle humor.

Edith Wharton has sailed for Europe for an absence of several months, having just read the last proof of her novel of American society, which is appearing serially in Scribner's. The June installment brings this remarkable story to a crisis, which is the turning point in the career of the heroine, Lily Bart.

Mr. Kipling's letter to "The Complete Motorist," written in praise of motoring and its benefit to mankind spiritually, physically and mentally, presents one side of the medal of which the reverse is presented by S. Lewis Dickinson, author of "Religion—A Criticism and a Forecast." Mr. Dickinson regards motoring as pernicious, and a manifestation in sport of the modern era of endless rush and hurry, so detrimental to concentration and to steady calm mental progress.

Miss Kate Stephens, author of "American Thumbprints," is an American of good stock and a college woman of wide study. Forebears of Miss Stephens offered two famous editions of the English colonists and fought on the patriotic side of the War of Independence. Miss Stephens herself held the chair of Greek language and literature at the University of Kansas six years, and in Berlin and other European centers. Later she entered upon the constructive editing of books in New York, where she now lives on the West Side—in a Bohemia where trees grow and birds sing. Her sympathies are with the world's less fortunate ones, and she endeavors to lend a hand to the helpful work of the day. She has arranged, and established successful lecture courses by college women for women whose lives are warped by narrow, unceasing and joyless drudgery.

A notable feature of the season's literary market is the unusual output of volumes made up of short stories. The Harpers alone have since the first of the year issued eight such books, made up of short stories suitable for reading aloud. Mr. Howells, remarking on the growing popularity of the short story, recently said: "There is a great mass of good stuff being written from all over the country just now. I consider the short story justly an American growth, and therefore it develops many originalities. The dramatic instinct is no doubt most evident in the short story, and a great deal of the present material, if at times crude in style, is dramatically very strong."

Frederick Trevor Hill, author of the story of the courtroom entitled "The Accomplice," has many interesting anecdotes to tell of his sixteen years experience at the New York bar. The most severe arraignment he ever heard in the courtroom

was uttered by Col. Robert Ingersoll, who usually the soul of good nature, in a case which aroused his indignation requested the jury to study the defendant's face, and said: "I mark in him the meanest man I know—a man so mean that nature wasted her time in making him, and the dirt of which he is composed would have been better employed in filling the grave of some other such man, if such another ever lived."

Mr. Andrew Lang's "Adventures Among Books" contains among other interesting and valuable hints on books and how to use them the following somewhat cynical remark which will be of interest to those who delight in arranging courses of reading or in following those compiled by other people. "Young men, especially in America," says Mr. Lang, "write to me and ask me to recommend a course of reading. Dictate a course of reading. People who really care for books read all of them. There is no other course. Let this be a reply. No other answers shall they get from me, the inquiring young men." It is gratifying to find that so fastidious a critic as Mr. Lang and one who takes rather an adverse view of things, American derives great pleasure from reading the author of "Hiawatha." "Next to Scott with me," Mr. Lang writes, "came Longfellow, who pleased me as more reflective and tenderly sentimental, while the reflections were not so deep as his were puzzling."

PUBLICATIONS.

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